

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES  
MEETING MINUTES – December 5, 2018  
AMES CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 235**

**Present:** Heather Johnson (Chair), Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, Matthew Coronas, Angie DeWaard, Kerry Dixon, David Faux, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Olivia Madison (Vice Chair and Acting Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, and James Surber

**Absent:** Claire Kruesel and Kevin Stow

Heather Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**A. Approval of November 7, 2018 Minutes**

Kerry Dixon moved and Paola Sepulveda seconded to approve the November 7 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously

**B. Treasurer's Report.**

David Faux, Treasurer, reported that he would give the full treasurer's report at the January meeting with assistance from Kerry Dixon regarding a donation for a sculpture.

**C. Public Forum.** None

**D. Old Business**

1. **Flo (Collection Item 70-0102) – Placement.** Kerry reported that Flo will be part of the offerings for neighborhood art for 2018/2019.
2. **South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements.** Bob Kindred provided some mock-ups for placement of potential sculptures based upon the right of way mandates. The result is that many of them would be much closer to commercial buildings. There was positive feedback for placing future sculptures in the median (city property) where there are four existing placement pads. Advantages are high traffic and low speed.
3. **Window on a Blue Garden (Collection Item 95-0607) and Improbable Balance.** Installation is still expected for Spring 2019.
4. **Wild Flowers (Collection Item 101-0910).** Kerry is waiting for a response from the College of Design for a project to re-sand and repair the sculpture.
5. **2019 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge.** Discussion postponed for a later meeting following the completion of the Bird House Initiative. The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor is still a potential proposed site.

**E. New Business**

1. **AAOSE 2018-2019 Sculptures.** See below

**F. Committee and Liaison Reports**

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair).** The 2017 Public Art Inventory has not yet been completed.
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs).** Kerry mentioned that she is still working on receiving administrative access for posting on the City's Facebook account.
3. **Outreach (David Faux and Heather Johnson, Co-Chairs).**
  - a. **AAOSE.** Sara Sherman reported she is still working on publicity, including contacting the Iowa Arts Council.

- b. Neighborhood Sculpture.** Sara reported that applications are due on December 14, 2018 and that applications are still being received. She also mentioned that the sculpture, Blue Heron, is permanently missing its sunfish.
- c. Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative.** The Birdhouse Initiative Planning Subcommittee includes Kerry Dixon (Chair), Mathew Coronas, Angie DeWaard, Claire Kruesel, Olivia Madison, and James Surber. Keith Abraham is ex-officio (Director, Parks and Recreation Department). The subcommittee will be meeting this month with a full report for the January PAC Meeting. Kerry reported that the City Council enthusiastically approved the project and that it is gaining public attention, including a front-page article in the *Ames Tribune*. Future publicity outreach initiatives include KHOI Community Radio, obtaining a supportive quote from the Mayor John Haila, and submitting a letter to the editor of the Ames Tribune.

**G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred).** Bob reminded the commission that PAC subcommittees do not fall under the City’s Open Meetings requirements for public meeting announcements when they are sent only to the subcommittee membership (6 members or less). Also, our budget request is due for the City Council’s January meeting. Bob also reported that PAC will have 5 vacancies for next year with 3 eligible for reappointment.

**H. For the Good of the Order**

The next PAC meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on January 2, 2019, 135 Ames City Hall.

**I. Adjournment**

James Surber moved and Angie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously approved and Heather adjourned the meeting at 1:03 pm.

Submitted by  
Olivia Madison, Acting Secretary